Seizure and testing of spurious drugs

†2076. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of spurious drugs seized in the country during last one year;

(b) the number of chemist shops and the number of drug inspectors in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are 27 drug testing laboratories in the country and only seven out of them are available for proper testing facilities;

(d) whether Government is satisfied with the number of drug inspectors and the number of laboratories; and

(e) the number of chemist shops inspected during last one year and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Information is being collected from the State Licensing Authorities.

(b) There are 14667 chemist shops in Delhi. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has 28 Drugs Inspectors. Apart from that, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) also has 6 Drugs Inspectors in their North Zone, which include Delhi.

(c) No, There are 6 Central Drug Testing Laboratories in the country. As per information maintained by the Government, the State/UT Governments also have about 72 laboratories for testing of samples of drugs and food.

(d) Yes, the CDSCO had earlier 32 posts of Drugs Inspectors, out of which 22 are in position. 137 more posts of Drugs Inspectors have been created and the vacant posts are in different stages of filling up. The State/UT Governments have also been requested time and again to further strengthen the infrastructure by recruiting more number of Inspectors and upgrade the testing facility to test more number of samples.

(e) As per the information received from the concerned State Drugs Control Organizations 183020 chemist shops were inspected during the last year and 8418 licenses were suspended/cancelled.

Establishment of medical, dental and ayurvedic colleges

2077. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently given permission to start more than 150 medical, dental and ayurvedic colleges in the country;

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